

CASS: Collaborative Academic Store for Scotland

CONTEXT: SCOTLAND IS DIFFERENT

Separate: Parliament
Government
Funding for universities
National Library
Collaboration (small is
beautiful)



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CONTEXT: THE COLLABORATIVE BACKGROUND

SCURL's record: purchasing
access, lending
publishing
lobbying



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WHY A COLLABORATIVE STORE?

ONE REASON: SPACE

Low usage..... High student numbers
Less ? More IT, more teaching space
more social space



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CASS PILOT PROJECT

Location: National Library of Scotland

Services: OPAC (<http://cass.nls.uk>)
Document delivery
Consultation

Project Officer



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PLANNING FOR PERMANENCE

Key issues:

- Joint ownership
- De-duplication
- Business plan



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THE NEXT 5-10 YEARS

- Permanent Site
- High density storage
- Mass stock disposal
- Partnership with National Library



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